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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Subject: <u>Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, G. R. Comm, Castle Peak Project, S0130011, Task 1730, Duchesne County, Utah</u>

Dear Mr. Conn:

The Division has reviewed the referenced Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI) and has the following comments that will need to be addressed before the NOI can be found complete:

- 1. A partnership needs to be registered with the Division of Corporations to do business in Utah. The Division has not been able to find record that this partnership is registered. Please supply the entity number for the partnership.
- 2. The Notice needs to contain the lease number from the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA). The Division understands this lease has not yet been issued.
- 3. The map and the note included with the NOI both indicate you will be drilling in three sections, but the text of the NOI only shows one section. Please correct this discrepancy.
- 4. The NOI needs to include an operations map (or maps) at a scale of about 1"=200' showing operations areas, including equipment locations, topsoil and overburden piles, existing and proposed roads, trenches, openings to underground workings, and other disturbances. The NOI indicates you will use existing oil field roads to access some of the sites, and these need to be shown on the maps.
- 5. Please show which sites would be accessed by cross country travel. Some of the drill sites appear to be on top of buttes or mesas, and unless there are existing roads to these areas, it appears cross country travel would not be possible.

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- 6. Please show how many acres would be disturbed.
- 7. Please submit the permit fee of \$150.00.

The Division and the Division of State History would like to work with you to avoid the Pariette Mine or at least the significant features of this mine. Operations maps are particularly needed to determine the locations of the proposed operations in relation to this site. The Pariette Mine is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and is a large, previously-recorded historical mining site.

The Division will await your reply before determining a reclamation surety amount.

The Division suggests that you resubmit the entire NOI, but you could also submit pages to replace those being updated.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5258 or Paul Baker at 801-538-5261. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, Juxan M. White

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